

# VACCINE POINTS

"Vaccine Points" is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: An 18-month old (born 6/5/18), previously vaccinated with Hib vaccine on:  
8/10/18  
10/12/18  
9/6/19  
was discharged from the hospital on 11/10/19 following a diagnosis of Hib meningitis.

**This child is in your office today and should receive a dose of Hib vaccine (True/False).**

Children younger than age 24 months with invasive Hib infection can remain at risk of developing a second episode of disease because natural infection in this age group does not reliably result in development of protective antibody levels. These children should be considered unvaccinated regardless of previous Hib vaccination and should be immunized according to the age-appropriate schedule for unimmunized children. Immunization should be initiated 1 month after onset of disease or as soon as possible thereafter. Immunologic evaluation should be performed in children who experience invasive Hib disease despite 2 to 3 doses of vaccine and in children with recurrent invasive disease attributable to type b strains.

True.

Answer:

Sources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/r6301a1.htm>  
<https://redbook.solutions.aap.org/chapter.aspx?sectionid=189640097&bookid=2205>

